Docket No.: 4590-358

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title of the invention as follows:

METHOD PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR INTERPOSING POSITIONING AN OPTICAL COMPONENT BETWEEN TWO OPTICAL FIBERS

On page 1 after the title, please insert the following:

CROSS - REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present Application is based on International Application No. PCT/FR2003/002289, filed on July 18, 2003, which in turn corresponds to FR 02/09534 filed on July 26, 2002, and priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC §119 based on these applications. Each of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety into the present application.

On page 1 before the first paragraph, please insert the following heading:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

On page 1 after the first paragraph, please insert the following heading: BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 3 after the fourth paragraph, please insert the following heading: SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 3 after the eleventh paragraph, please insert the following heading: BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

On page 4 after the third paragraph, please insert the following heading: DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERED EMBODIMENT

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On page 6 after the second paragraph, please insert the following:

It will be readily seen by one of ordinary skill in the art that the present invention fulfills all of the objects set forth above. After reading the foregoing specification, one of ordinary skill will be able to affect various changes, substitutions of equivalents and various other aspects of the invention as broadly disclosed herein. It is therefore intended that the protection granted hereon be limited only by the definition contained in the appended claims and equivalents thereof.

Abstract:

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